

January 18, 1984

Inspection Memo  
Coal File:

RE: Co-op Mining Company  
Bear Creek Canyon Mine  
ACT/015/025, Folder #7  
Emery County, Utah

On January 12, 1984 a partial inspection of the Bear Creek Canyon Mine was conducted by Ken Wyatt, Field Specialist for the Division Of Oil, Gas and Mining. Mr. Mel Coonrod of Co-op Mining Company accompanied this inspector on the field tour. The weather was clear and cold approximately 25°.

The minewater discharge was observed flowing from a several inch diameter pipe onto conveyor belting into the disturbed area drainage ditch above the crusher. This water was observed freezing in layers at the culvert draining the crusher pad. The water was freezing and flowing around and onto the crusher foundation. All disturbed area runoff was remaining in the disturbed area drainage system.

Mr. Coonrod and this inspector discussed blocking the undisturbed diversion ditch just adjacent to this disturbed area ditch. This would be a protective measure to prevent any build up of disturbed area drainage from flowing into the undisturbed ditch.

On the coal stockpile pad the berm channeling disturbed area runoff across the southwestern edge of this pad was discussed with the operator. The grade on the southwest corner of this pad needs to be better defined as well as the berms surrounding the pad in order that disturbed area runoff continues to flow around the pad and into the culvert downspout.

All culverts, ditches and berms on the rest of the mine area were adequate at the time of this inspection. Trenches were being maintained in the snow banks on both sides of the mine access road across from the catch basin. As discussed in a previous memo these trenches allow for disturbed area runoff from the scalehouse area to flow into the catch basin for sediment control.

The mine identification sign had been knocked down during snow removal activities. Mr. Coonrod agreed to have this sign reinstalled immediately.

Ken Wyatt   
Field Specialist

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cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM  
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Joe Helfrich, DOGM  
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Statistics: See Co-op Trail Canyon Mine memo dated January 18, 1984